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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR

1. GIVEN DEPTH OF DISAPPOINTMENT HERE OVER FACT THE SECRETARY KISSINGER DOES NOT PROPOSE TO VISIT MONTEVIDEO ON THIS TRIP, AND WITH FULL APPRECIATION FOR AMBASSADOR HILL'S CONSIDERATION OF THE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY YOUR PROPOSED ABBREVIATED SCHEDULE, I CAN ONLY REPEAT IN STRONGEST TERMS MY RECOMMENDATION FOR YOUR SCHEDULE AS CONTAINED MVD 565 PERMITTING ARRIVAL EARLY ENOUGH ON MARCH 10 TO PERMIT WORKING LUNCHEON OFFERED BY FONMINISTER BLANCO. A PROPOSED LATER DEPARTURE FOR BUENOS AIRES ON THE MORNING OF THE 11TH DOES NOTHING TO ALLEVIATE OUR PROBLEM. MOREOVER, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT OUR SUGGESTION COULD BE ACCOMMODATED IF FONMINISTER VIGNES' PROPOSED WORKING LUNCHEON FOR YOU COULD BE HELD ON THE 11TH IN LIEU OF THE WORKING LUNCHEON PROPOSED FOR THAT DAY WITH AMBASSADOR HILL AS THE HOST--ESPECIALLY SINCE AMBASSADOR HILL WILL ALSO BE HOSTING DINNER FOR YOU THAT SAME EVENING.

2. OUR FULL SCHEDULE WOULD INCLUDE A WORKING LUNCHEON HOSTED BY FONMINISTER BLANCO; A MEETING WITH FINMINISTER VEGH VILLEGAS AND ECONOMIC TEAM THEREAFTER; FOLLOWED BY A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT
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BORDABERRY; A BRIEF PRESS CONFERENCE AT END WORKING DAY IN THE

CHANCERY FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION IN YOUR HONOR AT THE RESIDENCE. REPRESENTATIVE LEADERS OF SMALL AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY WOULD BE INCLUDED AT THE RECEPTION. AS STATED EARLIER YOU COULD DEPART AS EARLY AS 7:00 A.M. IN THE ATTACHE PLANE OR PLUNA ARRIVING BUENOS AIRES TO BEGIN YOUR SCHEDULE AT 7:30 A.M. ON THE 11TH. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THIS SUGGESTION CAN ACCOMMODATE THE NEEDS OF BUENOS AIRES AND MONTEVIDEO WITHOUT EXTRA BURDEN TO YOU OR DIMINUTION OF NECESSARY ACTIVITIES IN EITHER PLACE. WHAT I BELIEVE ESSENTIAL IS NOT MORE TIME IN MONTEVIDEO THAN PROPOSED BY BUENOS AIRES BUT A MORE HELPFUL DISTRIBUTION OF AVAILABLE TIME FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW.

3. I BELIEVE IT IMPERATIVE TO BEAR IN MIND THE CONSISTENT, STATESMANLIKE COOPERATION AND SUPPORT WE HAVE BEEN GETTING FROM FONMINISTER BLANCO AND THE GOU AND THE UNAVOIDABLE LETDOWN THEY WILL SUFFER WHEN THE SECRETARY'S ACTUAL PLANS ARE FINALLY MADE PUBLIC. YOUR VISIT MUST THEREFORE SHOW THAT WE REGARD URUGUAY AS IMPORTANT AND THE MINOR SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS WHICH I HAVE PROPOSED CAN HELP TO ENSURE THIS. WITHOUT THEM I FEAR THAT THE INNER FEELING WILL BE OTHERWISE EVEN THOUGH YOUR RECEPTION WILL BE A CORDIAL ONE REGARDLESS.

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